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### VIPD's Intelligence Unit and Special Operation Bureau Task Force Collaboration Leads to Gun Recovery and Arrest

**Charlotte, St. Thomas-** On Saturday, September 3, 2022, the Special Operations Bureau (SOB), received information from the VIPD Intel Unit that a possible shooting was going to take place around Regjerins Gade Friendly's Bar, in Savan.

At 4:59p.m, Officers arrived, inspected the surrounding area, and noticed two individuals fitting the description of the Intel that they received. Upon contacting the individuals, both individuals fled on foot. One discarded his firearm underneath the vehicle that was recovered, and he was quickly placed under arrest. 21-year-old Angel Guerrero, the suspect, was found in possession of a high-capacity magazine in the firearm that was recovered; a Glock 17-9mm, outfitted with a chip to make it an automatic handgun.

Guerrero was arrested and charged with Illegal Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition and High-Capacity Magazine, Illegal Ammunition, and a Modified Gun to be an Automatic Handgun. Guerrero was unable to post the \$100,000 bail and was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending advice of rights hearing.

“Officers from the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs and VIPD’s S.O.B teams quickly formulated a plan of action, and converged in the area,” stated S.O.B Commander Lt. Gregory Penn.

Commander Penn further stated “The Specials operations Bureau is a unit that attends local functions, carnival, king of the wings, local basketball tournaments and community events with the safety of the community as its first responsibility. When we are not engaged in those activities, we are in constant contact with concerned citizens and other arms of our community in reference to addressing the criminal element locally. At times we are mobilized by our Superiors along with other law enforcement agencies for missions where we focus on extremely dangerous persons whose only intent is to take advantage of our most exposed and vulnerable” Commander Penn concluded.

The Virgin Islands Police Department is asking anyone with information to call (340-774-2211), 911 or the Criminal Investigation Bureau Major Crimes Division at 340-642-8449 or you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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